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## NEW PLAN FROM NORTHWESTERN

Proposed Scheme for the Publication in the SIGMA XI QUARTERLY of abstracts of Lectures delivered before the Society of Sigma Xi.

It has been the custom for some years, in the Northwestern Chapter, to require the speakers before the Society to furnish abstracts of their lectures to the Secretary, for inclusion in the minutes. At the fall meeting this year, it was suggested that these abstracts, or at least some of them, might be of interest to the Society as a whole. It is our belief that if each chapter of the Society sends in abstracts of its lectures to the Editors of the SIGMA XI QUARTERLY, the Editors will be able to select from these abstracts those which they deem suitable for publication in the QUARTERLY.

This idea seems to have three points of merit:

1. It will make the QUARTERLY of more general interest.
2. In view of the fact that these lectures are usually of general scientific interest, rather than purely technical papers, their publication in one place will enable men engaged in one field of scientific research to become familiar with the main character and tendencies of research in other fields with a minimum of effort.
3. It will bring the various chapters throughout the country into closer contact.

The four propositions from the minutes regarding this scheme:

1. Speakers before the chapter to be requested to furnish the Secretary abstracts of their lectures.
2. These abstracts to be included in the minutes.
3. These abstracts to be sent to the Editor of the SIGMA XI QUARTERLY, for publication in that organ, if deemed suitable by editorial committee.
4. If this idea has merit, steps shall be taken to call the attention of the National Officers to it, in order that other chapters may also submit abstracts of their lectures for publication.

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